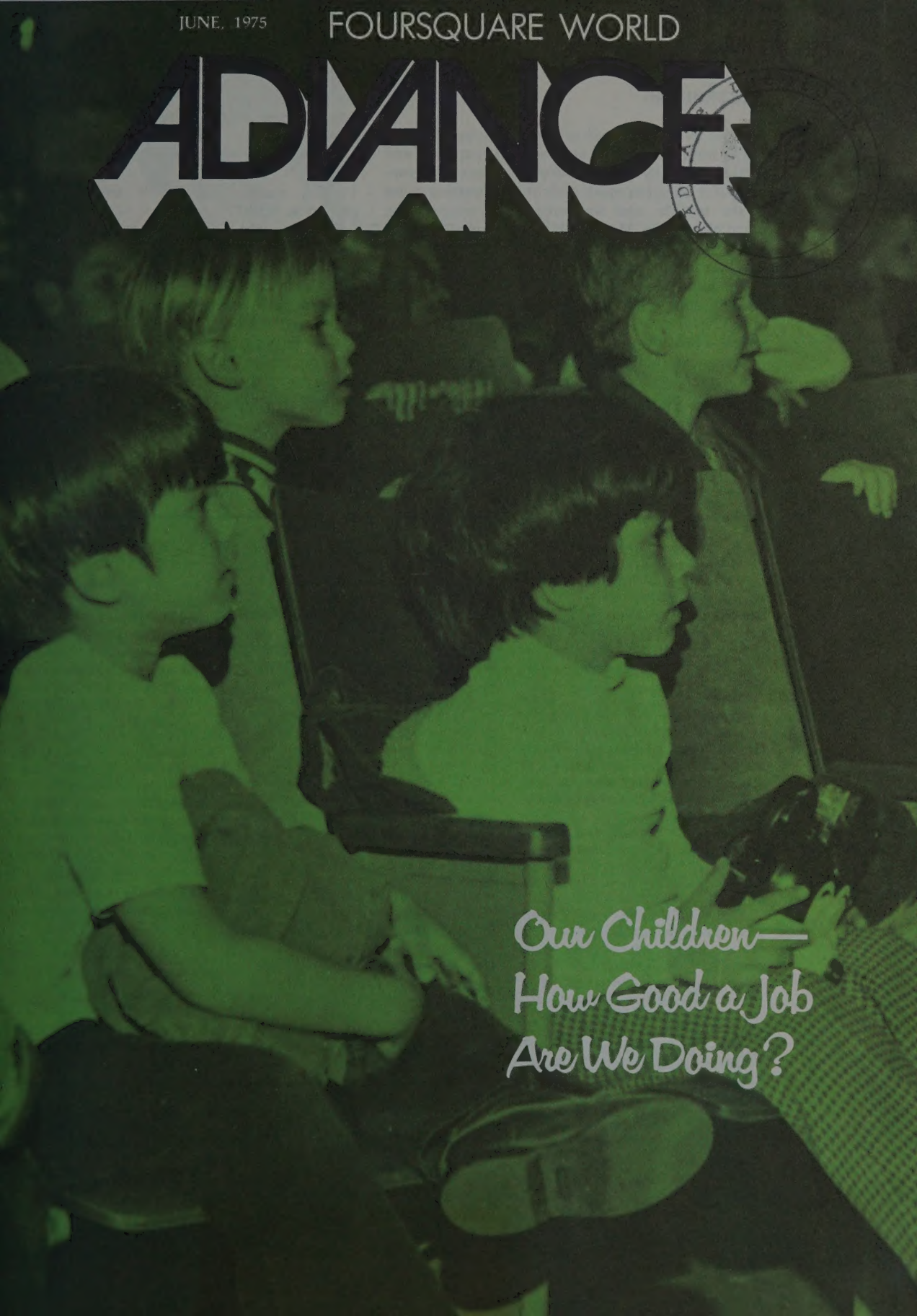


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*Our Children—
How Good a Job
Are We Doing?*

INTERROBANG

What ever happened to the interrobang?

The interrobang appeared several years ago and marked virtually every periodical printed. It consists of a question mark with an explanation point in the middle, and was created to express the mood of our age. Man is having experiences which raise ?'s, and asking ?'s that produce dynamic ! new answers. Thus the interrobang?

The interrobang was such a handy little punctuation. It should have survived. It's not that people aren't having experiences that raise questions which need dynamic answers. Maybe we just don't get as excited about things as we once did; don't question things as energetically.

But, we still use it in conversation. "Are you sure Aunt Minnie is going to Tahiti?"

Or, "What do you mean, the church voted to change the service to Wednesday night?"

Mothers use it. "Bradley, are you practicing?" Wives punctuate with it. "John, you did leave the

car for me, didn't you?" Siblings intermingle it. "Nancy, how do you know it's my turn to wash the dishes?"

Do we apply the interrobang to our faith life, too?

"You mean, God didn't answer when you prayed in faith?"

"You sought God and put him first and all things weren't added?"

"The Lord wasn't near to help when you called on Him in truth?"

"You have acknowledged the Lord in all your ways, and He hasn't directed your path?"

"Jesus isn't coming again soon?"

"You really think there is something or someone greater than He that is within you?"

"You claim the Lord as your Shepherd, and you still want?"

On and on it could go. The interrobang does express the mood, or the trust.

God's Word is positive! It has dynamic answers! Do you really think it can be trusted for today?

NAE, National Association of Evangelicals, convention, recently convened in Los Angeles, was designed to "offer practical help to pastors and church leaders in a day when many people are looking for spiritual answers," according to NAE executive director, B. A. Melvin.

Reminded of the 2.7 billion people of the world still unreached by the Christian Gospel, conventioners were challenged to minister to the needs of the whole person, with emphasis on reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ as Lord.

Foursquare Worldwide Missions recently participated with NAE World Relief Commission in sending a substantial gift to meet the immediate needs in Vietnam.

Along with other Foursquare pastors and delegates to NAE were officers Rolf K. McPherson, M. E. Nicholls, H. P. Courtney, D. L. McGregor, L. R. Edwards and William Mouer, all representations who participated in seminars and workshops conducted by NAE's commissions and affiliates.

NAE provides evangelical identification for 30,000 churches across the United States.

The **Cheronian Class** of 1975 (Class of Rejoicing) began its week of commencement activities May 11 with its Class Night activities. Class speakers were Clifford Hanes, Jack Purtell, John Wayne and Donna Wold. Graduating with Highest Honors was Connie Hammon Walker.

Commencement speaker, Dr. Alan Hamilton, Portland, Oregon, challenged the 82 graduates to live up to their name by rejoicing in full ministry.

Following the Sunday licensing of those graduates entering church ministries, the International Church hosted a Monday luncheon to welcome these new ministers who join several thousand others under ministerial appointment.

Mt. Vernon Bible College graduation activities for 1975 graduated the **Basarian Class** (Proclaimers of the Word). Class Day speakers were Charles McDonald and Joan Erickson, with Dr. Donald McGregor honored as commencement speaker.

Missionaries "shopping" at the UFW (United Foursquare Women) Alabaster House recently found shelves full and waiting, the result of the annual **UFW Spring "Birth-**

day Parties" held throughout the homeland.

One of Foursquare's pioneer members, **Margaret Reese**, celebrated her 100th birthday May 5 in her Fairfield, Pa. home.

The pioneer church in **Nogales, Ar.** received a boost recently with the purchase of a permanent church building. **Penticton, B. C.** is the site of a senior housing project which is presently under design. The dedication of the **Azusa, Ca.** family center recently introduced this new day care facility and ministry to the community. The steady growth of the **Salina, Ks.** Foursquare Church has necessitated the building of additional facilities to house this ministry.

LIFE Bible College 36-voice chorale completed its fifth annual spring tour during Easter vacation. This group, chosen from the 60-voice choir, ministered in churches in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado.

PRESENT WITH THE LORD

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VIET NAM VOLUNTEERS:

"The water had been poisoned in their area, and their mother knew she could not care for these girls, so she sent them on the airlift, to be adopted in the United States."

Nancy Borden was among hundreds of volunteers who worked to receive and process the Vietnamese refugees and orphans recently at Long Beach Naval Base.

"Each volunteer was assigned to a child," this former Missionary Assist states. "Binh, about 6 or 7 years old, was assigned to me. She was one of the four sisters whose mother had sent them to the US for adoption. It was heart tearing.

"We went onto the plane to get the children, took them through medical check and stayed with them until someone else took them to the airport, and off to their new homes."

LIFE Bible College student Linda Heim was another volunteer. "When the call came for nurses, I volunteered. I had asked the Lord what I could do, and was thrilled when He opened this door.

"Many of the arriving children were ill. Some had skin diseases. We went on board the plane to check them, and at that time it was determined if they should be taken to the hospital or sent to the Naval Base.

"I helped on the bus as the children were transported, too. We gave them food and supplies, and worked with the volunteers."

Each was surprised to see other Christians they knew at the base. "There were more volunteers than could be used. And, people had volunteered to do a dirty job. The children had great needs; many had lice. One pastor was in the shower, scrubbing down the kids. He had come after his Sunday evening service.

"The feeling of compassion, concern and love was so evident. Navy personnel were assigned to this job, but they obviously did it with feeling. Many had worked 12 hours already when we arrived."

Though these two girls had given up their weekend and worked a very long shift, Linda remarked, "I gave them my phone number, and hope they will call me again if there are more planes coming."

DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH PROFILE:

Currently, across the US and Canada, 40 congregations are engaged in honest expression of their needs and problems; their beliefs and practices, and are evaluating their church program. And, they have been asked to do this by their denominational leadership.

Under the direction of the Department of Christian Education, and with the cooperation of each pastor, a select group of churches has been pinpointed and provided with survey forms which, when completed, allow each individual member of that congregation to express his needs in the areas of personal evangelism, Bible study, fellowship, church organization, doctrine, family relations, concern for others, Sunday school and youth programming, worship services and several others.

When completed, these forms are returned to the headquarter's office which directs the computer analysis to give the denomination a readout of its findings.

Department Director, Dr. Vincent R. Bird, states, "I am excited about what this survey can do for us all. We are asking our Four-square members to express their needs and concerns.

"In this we are assuming that the ministries of the church are not the responsibility of the paid staff, and a few dedicated laymen. They are the responsibility of the total congregation, and therefore, the entire congregation should be able to voice its views and concerns; to express its needs.

"We, as church leaders, need help in discovering how to provide a comprehensive ministry in our total church. And, we look to these representative churches to assist us in this."

Findings from this Profile study will appear in future ADVANCE issues.

The debate over the pros and cons of evangelism vs social action will undoubtedly continue. But, while it does, a number of Four-square Churches have successfully combined the two to serve their community and spread the Gospel.

Beginning with this issue ADVANCE will periodically carry a column to report these community ministries.



FOCUS:

Through the Eyes of a Child

Monica stood on a chair to quote the books of the Bible, without a mistake. Then came Psalm 1. When asked if she could say more, she quoted Matthew 11:27-30, all letter perfect. Monica is three years old.

The fact that Jimmy talked all the way through the children's meeting was a bit disconcerting to the leader. However, she learned later Jimmy was telling his friend how to accept Jesus, when to raise his hand, how to respond, and what to expect. Jimmy's friend received Jesus at the Children's Crusade.

Children's Crusade? What's that?

Ten years ago when Miss Mary Lou Canata was appointed to head the Children's Ministries for the Foursquare Church, some questioned not only what it was, but also its value. Few do now.

From the beginning, this ministry has gathered momentum, and is about to take Miss Canata overseas for the second time to train leaders.

Admittedly, Miss Mary Lou, as she is known to thousands of children across the land, began with fear and trembling. "I knew God had given me a vision for children, and had dropped into my heart a crusade-type ministry, but beginning was hard. No one had ever done that as far as I knew, and I 'picked the brains' of everyone I could find."

Last year, 14 children's workers' units from over the United States and Canada reported 1,561 decisions for Christ in crusades.

Little Timmy, just age 5, was one of these. He responded four times to the call for decision. "Each night I made it very clear that you only have to ask Jesus into your life once," children's evangelist Nancy Gorke related, "but he kept coming, and, each time he had more and more questions about Jesus. On the fourth trip, after the worker had talked again with him, Timmy knew for sure he was a member of God's family.

Dawn was quite another case. Already, at age 12, she was known as a "woman of the street." Dawn lived with her grandmother when she attended the crusade. The other children snubbed her.

When the invitation was given the first night, Dawn received Christ. The rest of the week, she was on the front row, taking care of the four-year old girls, and by the end of that week had excelled beyond everyone else in Scripture memorization and total participation.

But, children's crusades were only the first step. Children's ministries have taken to many roads.



Tract distribution

The children's ministries last year reached into 11 foreign fields through contributions, made by the children, to print or purchase tracts.

Ecuador used the \$68.00 they received to print 16,000 tracts, which were all distributed in one day.

"It was heartbreaking to see the adults who literally begged the children for one of 'those pretty little papers,'" related Missionary Marjorie McCammon. "More than 800 children and their counselors participated in this tract distribution.

"One man, out walking with his three children, was so overcome and surprised, he began to weep when one of the children handed him the tracts. 'Oh, I didn't know there was a church in Guayaquil that really was interested in my children.'"

In Hong Kong a children's rally reached 230 children, and over a three-month period, 4,000 tracts were distributed.

After 5,400 tracts were given out by children in the parks in a Guatemala city, workers became so excited they wanted to go every month.



Phone-a-story

An estimated 6,000 callers listen each month to Marian Lowe, the Vancouver, Wn. "Story Lady" on the "Dial-A-Story" telephone. And, while these stories—many from the happenings in the Lowe family—are geared to children, adults sneak a listen, too.

"After the first 18 months and an average of 1,450 calls per week, we added our second machine. Now, two persons calling (206) 694-2770 can hear the story at once."

This phone-a-story is one of at least 13 spotted throughout the country.

Bible Club

Children's Bible clubs have been another door to children.

"Most of our children come from non-Christian homes," Yucaipa, Ca. pastor's wife, Anita Faulkner, reports. "In the weeks our Wednesday night club has met, nearly a dozen boys and girls have received Christ, and been baptized."

"This summer we will vary our schedule to include a recreation time, along with our usual Bible games and activities, crafts, Scripture memorization and Bible lessons. We've even had an 'office class' for our older girls, teaching them basic office skills, and we are adding a drama session."

Children's clubs have also traveled to foreign fields. In three such clubs in Guatemala one weekend, 604 children participated in Bible learning, with many making decisions for Jesus.

Radio

"Jesus, Others and You, what a wonderful way to spell JOY..." When that theme song hits the KFSG air waves, listeners who are "children" of all ages, know the JOY Radio Club is about to begin.

This Los Angeles-based program, the first of many which Miss Mary Lou hopes will someday blanket the continent, is about to celebrate its 10th birthday. While nearly 800 children have their official "Club Membership Cards," hundreds more are evidenced by the cards and letters received. Mr. Mailman reads many of these letters, each of which is answered by one of the nine team members.

During the 30 minutes of programming, Bible stories, music, Scripture memory emphasis, and the Bible quiz provide variety for each Saturday night.



Happy Van

And, most recently, the Happy Van has appeared to generate excitement which is almost more than some children can handle.

When this bright yellow Happy Van pulls into the park, onto the beach, or up to the church parking lot, children appear from everywhere.

This latest evangelism "tool" arrived in November, and since then has been the means whereby hundreds of children have heard about Jesus.

The vision of Miss Canata to secure a vehicle to take the gospel where the children are was fulfilled when the Southern California UFW purchased this van. Now, hundreds of UFW groups, churches and individuals throughout the homeland contribute to keep it rolling.

"And, since I've discovered the office staff likes my Italian meatball sandwiches, we sell them each week to help put gas in the van," advertises Miss Canata.

One stop that makes the Happy Van team really smile is at the Desert Hot Springs, Ca. Angel View Crippled Children's Home. Here handicapped children give avid attention to the Bible truths presented through puppets, songs and films.

Miss Mary Lou and the Happy Van are on their way east this summer to visit and minister in various districts, including a special camp for junior-age children in the hills of Kentucky.

What avenue will Children's Ministries take next? No one can tell, but as Miss Mary Lou often reminds anyone who will listen, "There are 35,100,000 children in the U.S. alone between the ages of five and twelve, and millions more in the rest of the world. They need Jesus!"

JUNE FORUM:

Two panelists discuss with *ADVANCE*

Is Television Working For or Against Your Family?

How influential is television?

Rev. S. O. Westbrook, South Central District Supervisor, and father of three: It is the most forceful media in our society today.

I see many powers and influences using tv as their tool. Media is a spirit influence, and much of it is projected in a wrong spirit.

A broad, broad area of tv has the overportrayal of sensuality and sex. I would not sanction this.

Also, a sadistic portrayal of violence. True, it is a violent world; there is no life without suffering and violence. It isn't just birth, life, and death without pain. But, there is a Christian manner for dealing with the imbalance in all of the universe. The human spirit should not be fed to breed hate, fear, lust, inordinate desire.

The following sources offer guidance to parents for children's television. *ADVANCE* also encourages parents to write to their local Public Broadcasting Systems or commercial stations carrying programs which are objectionable, and to voice their views in a clear, positive and pleasant manner. Your voice counts!

Television Information Office

745 Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y. 10022

Provides periodic lists of good family programming, to be aired in coming weeks.

Child Evangelism Fellowship

P.O. Box 1156

Grand Rapids, Mi. 49501

Originators of "The Treehouse Club," an animated view of life in Jesus. Write for a schedule, or how you can help get it scheduled, in your area.

Today's Child

School Lane

Roosevelt, N. J. 08555

This monthly publication annually evaluates children's television programs and provides specific pointers for parents and children's workers. Excellent; well worth the nominal fee.

Marcene Trujillo, mother of two, and part-time secretary: While I don't think all tv is bad—there are several programs which portray and promote a solid society—the majority has too much of the world in it.

Take even the Saturday morning cartoons. Well over half of them promote sorcery—making people disappear, causing someone to go into a calamity. Cartoon characters are unreal—Superman, Wonderboy, and on and on. They are someone—something—a child can never be. Throughout is a common pattern of human degradation. What do these distorted characters do to a child's self-image?

S.W.: Cartoons and nursery rhymes have long been among the strong political influences. "Mary, Mary, quite contrary..." is nothing more than a wack at a queen. Some tv cartoons are the same—political innuendo which imbreeds and reinforces negative thoughts towards government, society, and even parents.

The subtle, underlying projections of a philosophy is really what is happening. And, it comes on the heels of strong protest and rebellion.

M.T.: Advertisers must know the influence of tv. They spent millions there. And, most appeal to our pleasure-driven society—all the things that supposedly make you happy.

And it works! Sometimes I go to the store with no plans to pick up those products I've seen advertised, but I do!

This also points up the need for Christians to write tv stations voicing their objections. I need to do this.

S.W.: I think this is basic. It is a commercial enterprise, dependent on public material response for survival. So initiators work hard to reflect and promote public thinking. If the public doesn't like it, it won't survive.

I personally think tv is coming of age, and has developed to a point where it will become more of a teaching tool. As Christians, we need to make it more positive. Some Christian broadcasters are seizing this; it's refresh-

What can, or
should a Christian
parent do?

To what extent
does the
non-Christian
influence and
philosophy
penetrate be-
lievers?

M.T.: Children are better informed today than in any other generation. TV has had much to do with this. But, the subtle influence of that baser philosophy is there, too.

An example is the view that anything is alright, as long as I don't hurt you physically. Or, if after you marry you have problems, look around. To many, life is a constant searching for happy moments. This is an unreal view!

And, how much of the tv you watched last week portrayed happy families? Few programs do. So the kids think this is the norm; no one is happy, and there must be something wrong with his family—him—if there is strong love and happiness there.

Then there is the hero detective or the "smart" businessman who is not completely honest. Kids think all adults—especially the "respectable" ones—are all like that, "So," they figure, "we'd better get started on that, too."

S.W.: I think we are so conditioned to this, that whenever an individual speaks out strongly against it, he is branded as a misfit, and out of tune with the times.

This conditioning is so thorough and final in our time that all of us, to some degree, have accepted a distorted view of life, and accepted it as "normal." We need to come back to God's Word, for it has a clear cut, absolute revelation of life as it is. It will bring us back onto course.

It is true that the nature of drama and fiction demand false pictures of life; that it always is exciting. We 20th century people have not adjusted to the level of exposure we are getting. But, it will stay with us. We have to learn to adjust to it and take positive steps to live in the world as it is.

I happen to think one of these steps is strong parental guidance.

S.W.: Practically, parents need a guide to programming they can suggest to their children. But it is more; it is the parent's involvement with their children in their whole life.

M.T.: The peer pressure is there, too. "All the kids are watching it." We say, "No," and they get upset. Then we talk about it.

We try to screen the programs our 11 and 13-year olds watch. And, if what we thought was a good program becomes distasteful, we've turned it off.

S.W.: Authority goes with parenthood. There comes a time when we must say, "This house is not going to do that!" Parents not only have a right, but a responsibility to judge the programming. We must face the obvious power of the tube.

The total principle is that we are responsible for our children. The "ruling" becomes progressively less as the child grows up; I don't want to totally regulate the life of my teen-age daughter. But, part of my being a good parent is assuming responsibility for her.

M.T.: Right! And, hopefully, when they arrive at teen-age, we have given them a solid basis for judging, and we accept the role as influencer. When they can make proper judgments, then they are adults; and that is what we are aiming at.

Christians have a counterbalance and our children have that advantage. What about those kids who have no Christian influence? They have no other standard to guide them.

I can see how kids can be completely beside themselves. They watch tv which is by-in-large depressing—chasing and hitting, counter-culture morality, and subtle rebellion. No wonder we have the resistance to authority which is so obvious.

S.W.: I would have to tell you I watch too much tv, and I don't watch a lot. I believe the problem is that our tv time is a happening—it controls us, instead of us controlling it.

It is an individual matter, with each person examining his own life pattern and schedule.

M.T.: I find that a really strong discipline problem in my own life. But, if I am going to teach and be an effective Christian, I have to give up some programs I want to watch.

If what we read and what we watch is what we think about, many of us—Christians—are overbalanced in our thought life.

S.W.: Just to begin to think about it is the biggest step; to conscientiously face it and deal with it. And, to recognize our greatest influence to our families is our example.

To My Father

You'll never know how much you mean to me. I'm always so proud to say, "That's my father."

I hope there's some way for me to make you as proud of me as I am of you! I will always love you and pray for you! And I hope I'll always be your little girl. I love you very much.

Pam

P.S. Thanks for being such a great Christian Father!

When we read that Father's Day card from a teen to her Dad, we thought other readers might enjoy telling why they think their Dad is "the greatest."

There was no way to print all the letters which arrived; we've chosen a sampling to share. And, we've discovered some tremendous Pops across the land. Why not tell your Dad you think he's among them!

My Daddy was not perfect,

but he was quick to say "I'm sorry" if he thought he had done wrong or hurt someone.

I have always felt my Daddy was the kindest, most loving, gentle, generous, forgiving and humble man I had every known.

As a child I could awaken at 4:00 to hear my Daddy praying for his wife and little girl, asking God's protection for them. And, Daddy'd pray for that old farmer down the road whose heart he knew was not right with God.

Betty, Age 26, Hale Center, Tx.

Daddy has always cared for me and about me. Even when I was very small Daddy prayed with me. When I had a problem, he has tried to understand me. I love him very much.

Dee Dee, age 16, Urbana, Ill.

Our father was never in competition with us. As we grew to adults, he always allowed us to be ourselves and he made us feel that the differences in our personalities were what made us special to him.

Virginia, Roanoke, Va.

We don't always see eye to eye, and we have our hassels, but I think he's a top pop!

Dispite disagreements that are sometimes caused by fluries of anger, God has kept our family together.

My Dad is weird and okay at the same time. He sometimes thinks that I think I know it all, but I don't, Dad.

Becky, age 17, Lakeside, Ca.

Dad and Mom told us we were only loaned to them by God.

When we eight children were small, Daddy gathered us around at night and sang about Jesus. He taught us to love our country and stand up for its flag.

Today Daddy always seems to have one or two of his 25 grandchildren or 26 great grandchildren on his lap.

The best compliment anyone could pay me would be to say that I'm like my Dad.

Joyce, Torrance, Ca.

My Pop's tops because he's himself. He don't try to outdo other people or be something he isn't.

If you have a problem you can go to him no matter what it is. He'll understand and talk it out with you, and not yell.

Kimberlee, St. Joseph, Mo.

My top Pop's love stops. He has never let down, in providing what I need: food, clothes, a warm, home, encouragement; now when I am in college, informative letters that help me through a recession.

His strong, consistant example to me of our love above.

Deborah, Glenda

Dad is a real person, and I can see him growing just like I am. He is a child of God, becoming more like Jesus everyday. His full commitment to Jesus has been an unshakeable foundation in our family.

Jack & Rhonda, Van Nuys

I'm one of the luckiest in the world, because I have Dads. They don't try to win my love with gifts or money. They think I did something, they tell me so, or give me a reward.

They don't expect more from me than I can give them. My Dads has a great sense of humor, and the other Dads are more serious.

Brian, Grade 6, Mo

FAMILY: The Top A Father

"MY POP IS TOPS
because

He is the
Boss of the House
And He Loves
me.

NAME Cindy
GRADE 4th



father was never too busy to tell me he cared, when it came to me no one else did. Although I'm grown and have my own, I can still call on him and he's there to listen to me.

Aimee, Concord, N. C.

Pop spansk me because he loves me, and he takes me to church all the time. We have lots of talks.

Todd, Spokane, Wn.

Pop is tops because I love him. He is trying hard to love Jesus Christ.

Renee, Moline, Il.

Pop loves my wife and I just as he does me.

Although we are miles apart, Pop still has the same interest in me.

Pop has shown me through his life the true example of my Father.

George, Lincoln, Ne.

Pop is tops because he loves me very much. And, he helps me when I need to be helped.

Tami, Grade 4, Moline, Il.

My Pop listens to me, and he talks to me and understands me. We love each other very much. He protects me, and helps me do things.

Michelle, Grade 4, Moline, Il.

My Pop is tops because he is the boss of the house, and he loves me.

Cindy, Grade 4, Moline, Il.

He works for his boss so I can play.

He works for Mom 'most every day.

He fits the pipes, and drills the drills;

He makes our money with all his skills.

And, now I'll tell you what I like best,

It's the home where Pops can finally rest.

Lyn, Grade 7, Moline, Il.

My Pop is tops because my Mom says so. And he is nice.

Clint, Grade 5, Moline, Il.

With his four grandchildren now, we see the same love and sharing going out to them as we experienced. The harmony between Dad and Mom made fears and tensions non-existent in our home.

Mary, Sue, & Ruth, Pa.

No matter how personal the problem is, or how close it is to Daddy, we feel comfortable discussing it with him. After these talks, he always says, "Honey, I love you."

He has all sorts of special, unique, loving wisdom that he says are "quotes from the gospel according to St. Luther."

When I see families which are unhappy and other parents that don't seem to listen, I thank God my family is different.

Lori, Age 15, N. C.

I love my Dad because he plays with me when he has time, and he don't fight with my mother. I love him very much.

Paul, Los Angeles

My relationship with my "Top Pop" began when I was assigned to a room at the men's residence at LIFE Bible College.

Everything was so strange, but at once my friendship with Rev. Leslie Eno began to grow. Our pranks and teasing were endless, but they never kept Pop Eno from sharing God's Word with us, or from counseling us when we needed it.

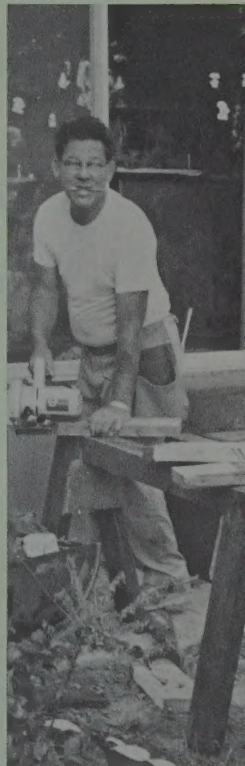
When a social occasion called for suit and tie, and I had none, my Dorm Dad and Mom took me shopping, and outfitted me. Their joy in this was very real; I was "their son."

Now, 18 years later, I realize still the influence of his life on mine, and on my ministry.

Harold, Auror, Il.

My Pop is tops because he loves me a whole bunch. He helps me in sports and with Y-Indian projects. He likes me a lot. We are "pals forever."

Kendal, Age 8, Oxnard, Ca.



Pops— Day Parade

"MY POP IS TOPS"
because he listens
to me. He talks to
me and understands
me. We love each other
very much. He protects
me. And helps me do
things. "My pop is TOPS"

Michelle
grade

PEOPLE:

Seven Women Have Taught Him A Lot About Love



A strict father.

That's how Sam Laquinto describes himself.

Curfews, rules, curbed TV hours, and being grounded, are all courses of discipline which the six Laquinto daughters—ages 21 to 3—have encountered.

"When the girls need correcting, we do it," their Dad admits. "It's our responsibility before God."

Although direct, "harsh" is not a word to be associated with Sam Laquinto, whose own attitude toward God began taking shape in 1952, "the year God put everything together."

In January, 1942, Sam met Lorraine. On February 13, he received Jesus as Savior. In April, he recovered from a job loss to get a new one. And, in September, '52, he married his sweetheart.

Sam hasn't strayed far from his Minneapolis, Minnesota birthplace. Only during World War II, when he quit school at age 16 to take advantage of the good money and to later join the Army, and during the Korean conflict, has anywhere other than this twin city been home.

"While in the Army I attended chapel services. 'The Old Rugged Cross' was the song that got to me. I'd cry like a baby, but did not know about Jesus. It wasn't until I returned home and found my mother had become a Christian that I was introduced to this way of life.

Sam and Lorraine



I was 25, and realized there just had to be more to life. I found it at Hope Temple that night I invited Jesus to be my Savior. The immediate work of the Spirit in my life caused clinging habits to drop off, and gave me a positive view."

Truck driving had been his way of life, and a very attractive job. Now, suddenly, it was "the most miserable job imaginable. It took me away from my church and Lorraine. Within a few weeks after conversion, I was laid off and rehired as a diesel mechanic—a trade I learned in the service. That was 22 years ago, and that's the work that still supports us."

When Lorraine finally said "yes" in the fall of 1952, the Laquintos established their home around the Lord and the church.

"He's been our life. As our children were born, people told us, 'The girls will suffer in school if you take them out to church during the week.'

"The Lord has always kept them healthy. They've been active in school athletics and music. Becky graduated with university scholarships, and Audrey was on the honor roll as well. The others (Cathy, 16; Diane, 12; Ellen, 10), are doing well, too. Sue, age 3, can sometimes outsmart us all."

Characteristic of Sam Laquinto's life is his faithfulness to his church. "I believe a Christian man should support his pastor. His attendance, cooperation, and love must be there.

"I've been the gardener, janitor, the superintendent, and have served on the church council. Now, I teach the best class in the nation. They are senior adults and their next step is heaven. I love it!"

Raising six daughters in a metropolitan area may pressure some parents, but this Dad and Mom remember, "We dedicated our children to the Lord when they were small, so they belong to Him. When we have qualms about the pressures and influence from the world, or of what could happen, we remember God is taking care of them."

"We've tried to honor the Lord, and He takes care of everything. We have a comfortable home and a happy family. God didn't say He would give us all our wants, but He did say He would give us our needs—and He does that abundantly."

Mother confirms, "I wanted a carpet, so we prayed. The Lord led us to a bargain, and we felt a release to get it."

When asked if they always commit such items to the Lord, she responded, "Yes. If we don't, we can't afford to do it."

"The girls are also learning through this. God cares about every detail of our lives."

"Tithing is basic, but by putting Him first in everything, we have learned that everything else just comes along. He blesses us because He loves us."

"And the Lord has opened doors for the girls—things we could never have provided. For example, Becky wanted to be a part of the Missions Impact Team which ministered in Latin American one summer. We didn't have the money, but felt it would be enriching for her. So, we prayed."

"One morning, our church—spontaneously, in about five minutes—gave her the funds to go. It was a miracle; another of the Father's good gifts!"

Reflecting on his work, Sam reminds, "Truckers have a reputation for being tough, and they are. But, they have needs just like the rest of us."

"These men worry about being laid off, or about their jobs being swallowed up. When they share these problems, I can assure them God cares, and that we do pray for them."

"Too, I assure them that I rest in the Lord, knowing He has control of my job. He won't let us go hungry."

This family is also united in their claim that God keeps them in health. Admits Sam, "I'm the only one that has ever been sick. Several years ago when a fleck of steel flew into my eye, there was cause for concern. As a boy, an eye injury necessitated a pupil transplant, and left me with impaired vision. Now, my good eye was threatened. The Lord was with us, and with surgery, the eye mended itself."

There is one thing which annually divides the laquintos—Sam's camp trip. "When our oldest daughter was about three, I began transporting kids to church camp. One day I commented, 'It sure would be great to work here.' The next year a card came, inviting me to counsel. That started it, about 18 years ago."

For Sam, this is a summer highlight. "Camp has made me grow, especially in the Word. It's thrilling to see some of these boys, now as

young men, honoring the Lord in their lives and homes."

This is a camping family, too. Mother explains, "We split vacation time. Sam is at camp some weeks, and then we vacation as a family. We like the lakes; to camp out, see the country. And, this travel is experience for the girls, too."

But, the last two years have seen this family head west at Christmas to visit daughters Audrey and Becky, and son-in-law Ken, now enrolled at LIFE Bible College, Los Angeles.

"People have asked us how we feel about Ken's and Becky's plans to go to the mission field. If that's where the Lord wants them, we will not hold them back. If we don't do what God wants, we will not be fulfilled. Life here is just a little span anyway. We'll be together forever, with Jesus."

There is no doubt about the father image here. Lorraine confirms, "They think there's no one like their dad. They're sure he can fix anything!"

Counters Sam, "I'm not always right! I thank the Lord for giving me a wise, understanding wife. Sometimes she lets me go too far."

"We recognized that God intended for us to submit to each other, as Jesus was submissive to His Father. Children raised in a home where the parents argue, acquire an argumentative spirit. We have tried to mold our children towards the Lord. They need to see in our lives a love for each other, for other people, for the church, for the Lord."

Their mother exemplifies this spirit, "I think the wife should look to her husband as the head of the house. If she doesn't feel right about a decision, she can seek God concerning it. If what her husband is planning to do is not the Lord's will, He will change it."

Recounting the years, Sam confesses, "When we began raising our children, I saw little problems arise, and thought, 'Lord, these are the same problems you have with me.' That was an eye opener!"

"The Scripture says the 'steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord.' I'm sure that guidance is there from when we are children. But, how far along the line does a child have to go before he takes his hands off his life, and lets God step in? Parents have a role in this."

"We feel our girls can grow in their relationships with the Lord only if their attitudes are right. Attitudes make us either submissive or rebellious; they either guide us toward God, or away from Him."

Six + One



"It seems God is opening to us the very heart of this city," write the John Firths, Bogota, **Colombia**, "as it pulses in young and old, poor and rich, educated and ignorant, for He is taking us to every strata of society. This is His doing; we have not raised a finger, nor sought any opening. The Lord does it all."

"Recently, Mrs. Firth spoke to a group of Catholic women leaders who are all Spirit filled, and from this meeting other contacts have come. The Lord continues to move among the embassy people. Two more have come here to receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Last week a physicist who has his PhD came, and asked us to pray with him to receive the Holy Spirit. We did and He did."

As God opens these doors, more than 20 house meetings are now conducted weekly in Bogota, each of which can be a church later.

Lowell and Agnes Sisson continue to work with the Firths in constructing church buildings, benches, and equipment, as home groups grow in the various Bogota suburbs and surrounding cities.



A cherished possession

A lamp. A simple, kerosene lamp brought great cause for rejoicing to a village church in **Honduras**. Two new churches have been established in Moropocai. There are no roads into

this area, so Missionary Dean Truett arrives there by foot or horseback. Revival has come to Moropocai, and in the past months more than 50 new converts have been baptized in water.

Meeting these people where the road ends, Rev. Truett and several believers from the capital city church recently arrived to conduct a baptismal service where 35 who had confessed Jesus as Savior were to be baptized. These candidates had walked 14 miles to arrive at this site.

During this time together, Rev. Truett also presented a kerosene lamp to Pastor Coletto Garcia. The only light which this church will have for its evening services, this lamp is a cherished possession.

\$30,000.

This was what was needed to buy a tract of land and build the first stage of their church building. To the little congregation in Hirosaki, **Japan**, this was an almost impossible task, except God was with them. And, when the congregation was challenged to sacrifice so this project can be financed, God began doing strange things.

Several young boys decided to sell their stamp collections. After putting together all they had saved for several years, they realized \$100 from their sale, and presented this to the church.

When Mr. Yoshida saw these boys sacrificing what was important to them, he considered his hobby of many years—his own stamps. From this sale came \$1,000.

Mrs. Ninomiya was a teacher of *Ikebana*, Japanese flower arrangements. Unknown to her family, she had a little box into which she had put small change for several years. She offered the entire box to the church. It had over \$1,000.

Encouraged by this begin-

ning, the congregation sought to borrow the required balance from a bank. But, in Japan, church building and property rarely meet the requirement for a loan. God had another plan.

The members of the congregation, united in sacrifice and spirit, offered their own homes to provide the collateral needed for the loan.

Willowvale was the site of the annual Easter-week convention in **South Africa**. Ministers and delegates from many miles attended, along with the Ziegler and Manthe missionary families.

As worshippers gathered for the Easter sunrise service, they were greeted by those who had prayed through the night, an occurrence which characterized many of the nights.

"We thank the Lord for new faithful workers and for those who have served through the years. Esther, our new interpreter is such a blessing," writes Emegene Ziegler Manthe.

The three Indian men had walked all day to reach the meeting. They had come to find the Lord and His salvation.

In the high mountains of the eastern Chiriqui province of **Panama**, a Guaymi Indian began telling his fellow Indians of the true God who had saved him. Now, just over a year later, many hundreds of these indigenous people had received Jesus as Savior.

As the district supervisor visited there, a special rally was conducted for over 300 new believers. Many of the new converts were being baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Several sects had sent their missionaries into this area, but these new believers had answers for their arguments.

One Far East religion which follows the teachings of a long-dead prophet had established schools in this mountain region. When the Christians talk with them, they ask where the prophet is now, and are usually told where his tomb may be found.



The Indian Christians respond, "Your founder's bones may be there, but our Founder left an empty tomb because He has risen from the grave!"

Traditions in **New Guinea** may confuse Christian youth, or bring difficulty for them in serving the Lord. Sine, a second year girl in the Pidgin Bible School was under much pressure as she left her village to attend the school. She is of marriageable age, and her parents and village people want to sell her for the bride price.

Sine has purposed in her heart to serve the Lord, even if it meant not being able to return to her village or people.

Two other young women had similar experiences, with their parents so angry that they would not pay their school fees. The village elders and the church paid these fees, and provided them with clothing.

Pastor Jon ministers at Bato. The Lord has given him favor with the people, but dispute has also come. Some have accused him of "calling" their young people to serve the Lord, making them leave the village. Even his explanation that God has called them is not sufficient. Pastor Jon recognized

that only God can bring understanding.

Fidel Quintero pastors a country church in **Venezuela**. A woman came to the church to receive Christ, and returned home to tell her husband. Frequent visits to their home by Pastor Quintero only incurred the hostility of this husband.

One day as he was walking to the farm of a member, this pastor passed the farm of this man, and found him grinding sugar with a hired hand. Without even a greeting, or slowing his pace, Pastor Quintero said to the man, "You know, the Bible says that when the Lord comes, two shall be grinding at the mill; one shall be taken and the other left." With that, he walked on.

That afternoon as he continued to grind the cane with his helper, the power of the Word began to grip the man. What would indeed happen if the Lord came before he had repented of his sin? At the grinder, he invited Jesus to be his Savior.

He accompanied his wife to church on Sunday, and testified to the harvest the "seed" had borne.

Working with Foursquare missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Mason Hughes in New Guinea, are a number of ministers from Australia. One of these is Ian Van Zuilecom whose post of ministry is in a new pioneer area.

He shared the following report with us.

Practical problems need practical solutions. This is only too true in the New Guinea situation, and especially so in establishing a situation from ground level.

It is a consolation to be reminded that Jesus, too, accepted the situation He found Himself in, and didn't expect God to work a miracle every time to save Him the physical effort involved in His ministry.

Jesus walked until He was

weary, slept in a boat that was about to go under, and, from time to time, used what was the normal method of travel with all its discomforts.

To our faithful prayer and financial supporters at "home" much of the manual work on the field may seem to outweigh the spiritual results apparent at the time; and so it seems to us also who are "on the field." But, God apparently doesn't send angels to clear landslides or fence off pigs; to level ground, or do any of the other tasks that are necessary, but apart from the paramount job of preaching and teaching the good news of Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord that many hands have completed a road into the mission site. Women, girls, and even tiny tots have gathered kunai grass and pit pit to finish the Sunday school room we have been working on.

Our Sunday school has numbered in the seventies, and the church service is generally well attended with about 60 to 70 people.



Praise the Lord that Pastor Tovi, for whom many have prayed, is greatly improving and is also spiritually refreshed.

We thank the Lord for His Word that exhorts us to "bless the Lord... and forget not all His benefits."

Keep us in your prayers as always.

1975 MIT Team



Penny Ames



Cathy Pentecost



Ellen Queen



Joann Hassel



Debra Doyer



Carol Rayphole



Andrea Gillispie



Diane Cheramy

MIGHTY MIT

"Being with our Foursquare missionaries helped prove to me that my money goes to dedicated people, whose first concern is for lost souls."

This opportunity came to Penny Ames in the summer of '74. "It was in experience of a lifetime! In fact, it has proven to be the experience the Lord had in mind to give me firmer direction in my life."

Penny is one of more than five-dozen youth who have been members of summer Mission Impact Teams over the past five years. Team number six will leave Miami on June 23 to arrive in Panama, Colombia, and Venezuela, where, under the supervision of the missionaries, they will minister wherever and whenever needs present themselves.

The purpose of each team is to allow ministry opportunities for youth as well as to allow Christian youth to exemplify that not all American youth identify with those written in the adverse headlines.

Penny, a Christian only in her later teens, was assisted in going by another former MIT'er. "Lowell Franck from our church was a member of the 1972 team. Because of the impact of those weeks upon his own life, he promised the Lord he would give toward sending someone else, I was that 'someone.' I'm very grateful.

"MIT is not just a tourist trip. It's a ministry mission. We did some sightseeing and loved it. And, we were serenaded by three *mariaichis*. That was nice, too! But, we went to minister, and that God did allow us to do.

"For example, from our service in the penitentiary in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, five men came to know Jesus as their personal Savior. Even though prisoners by law, they were free from bondage by Christ. And, when thinking of my salvation, I wanted to say, 'Surely God can save you, since He saved a wretch like me.'"

MIT - Mission Impact Team. One questions where the greater impact is—on the mission ministry or in the life of the traveler.

"Only God knows how much I love being a part of MIT," reflects Penny. "It was more than worth the time and expense. Believe me, I would gladly go again, and again."

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"You spoiled my whole day," a woman who phoned my radio talk show complained when I contradicted her identification of Henry Kissinger as the Antichrist.

The adulation and acclamation Kissinger has commanded from the public has helped vault his credentials in the minds of some prophetic "experts." For the second year in a row, Henry, in 1974, topped the list of most admired men in the world, according to the Gallup Poll. Press headlines have hailed, **KISSINGER ON TOP OF WORLD** and touted him as **"TOO BIG TO GET HURT."**

The Secretary of State's recent failure to effect a further settlement in the Middle East crisis should have stopped speculations exposing him as the coming man of peace and man of sin, but it hasn't.

Managing Editor Robert Coote of *Eternity* Magazine put me in touch with the man who commenced the Kissinger identification, a Southern California advertising executive who feels the Lord led him to solve the 666 riddle by making the letters of the alphabet develop in numerical value beginning with A as 6, B as two times 6, C as three times 6, and so on to Z as 26 times 6. According to such calculations you can total the letters **KISSINGER** to the sum of 666!

That doesn't mean a thing! Lots of other names equal that cryptic sum.

To state arbitrarily that Kissinger cannot be the Antichrist would be as reckless an assertion as to claim that he is sure to be. But the prophetic probability of the latter identification seems remote indeed. The fact of the matter is that *everybody who hitherto has sought to guess the identity of the antichrist has*

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guessed wrong! Everybody! A partial roll call of "Antichrist's who Ain't" includes Nero, Domitian, several popes, Russia's Peter the Great, Napoleon, Kaiser Wilhelm—"the Beast of Berlin," Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, John Kennedy, Moshe Dayan, Richard Nixon (whose "deadly wound" of Watergate would be healed), and numerous other celebrities or rogues. But not since Mussolini has any candidate stirred the support that Kissinger commands.

Actually the whole effort to identify Antichrist in advance is a comedy of errors. The Bible nowhere instructs believers to be on the outlook for Antichrist. He is not the Blessed Hope of the church. His revelation, according to II Thes. 2:7-8, cannot come until after the restrainer (the Holy Spirit or the church, or both working together, as most evangelicals believe) is taken out of the way. The church is still here. It is useless for part of the church to try to expose Antichrist at the same time that the Body to which they belong is restraining that unveiling! Believers are exhorted to be looking for the true Christ (Tit. 2:13, *et al*), not the Antichrist.

I like a bumper sticker I saw recently: "777 is Coming." It could have added: "Before 666!"

BOOK BRIEFS:



Caring Enough to Confront, by David Augsburg, Regal Books, \$1.25.

"How can I get along with people, especially those close to me?" is a question most people ask, but not always verbally.

Author Augsburg outlines the five options when people disagree, and discusses them in the light of what Paul meant when he said, *"speaking the truth in love."*

Excellent for anyone who cares about communicating and growing close to those you love.

Fill Your Days With Life, by Mildred Vandenburg, Regal Books, \$1.95.

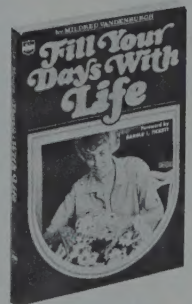
Gone are the days when old age and retirement meant the end of life. America's older adults are discovering that the later years bring the most exciting, fulfilling, and rewarding years they have ever had.

Mildred Vandenburg shares with keen wit and wisdom how she is discovering that life, and suggests a myriad of activities that are well within the reach of most seniors.

Lord of the Ups and Downs, by Lloyd John Ogilvie, Regal Books, \$1.25.

Here is a unique book on prayer which will help the reader take his fears, worries, problems, and other distractions to his Eternal God, leave them to His care, and claim His promises of peace, grace, growth, enthusiasm and joy in the mist of the "downs."

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along the bison trail

Alone on the Navajo Indian Reservation, away from the sheepherding camp where his father and brother tended the herd, Luke Yazzie lifted up his heart to God, the Heavenly Father he had so recently met. Within minutes God had baptized this Navajo believer with the Holy Spirit.

The boldness which came with this new experience bolted Luke to witness first to his family, for he had not mentioned before about the night he slipped into the neighbor's hogan when he heard the gospel music. Then came the evangelistic meetings over the reservation, when many received Christ. Two years later as God began leading Luke to pioneer a church in Chinle, Ar., He also began directing Luke to train other Navajos to minister.

In January, 1974, God spoke distinctly to Luke about joining with the Foursquare Church to develop young ministers to preach the gospel. Just one year later, a group of men from the Prescott Foursquare Church arrived in



Chinle to construct a church building for the congregation which by now numbered nearly 200.

On March 9, at the dedication ceremony, over 500 people jammed the new structure to witness and rejoice over the power and direction of God.

Luke Yazzie is one example of many North American Indian ministers God is raising up to preach the full-gospel message to their own people. And, He is allowing the Foursquare Church to be a part of this ministry to native Americans.

Presently 13 different tribes are touched with the Foursquare Gospel, from the southwest U.S. through the Dakotas, and on to the far north of Turtle Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada. Fifteen workers are giving themselves to this ministry.

June 29 has been set aside to remember the North American Indian works. Christians are invited to participate in this ministry by contributing to maintain and expand the ministry among these and other Indian Tribes on our continent.

Gifts for this ministry are received through your local Foursquare Church, or can be sent directly to Foursquare Worldwide Missions, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca., 90026.

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